TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1182 - SB 1224

March 20, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires any public or private entity or business that operates a building or facility open to the general public that, as a matter of formal or informal policy, allows a member of either biological sex to use any public restroom within the building or facility to post notice of the policy at the entrance of each public restroom and at each entrance to the building accessible by the general public. Excludes unisex, single-occupant restrooms, or family restrooms intended for use by either biological sex from those requiring additional notice.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004939): Deletes and replaces language of the original bill to remove the requirement that the requisite signage be posted at each entrance to the building accessible by the general public and to establish that any entity or business that is notified that it is not in compliance with the requirements set forth will have 30 days in which to comply before any action is taken against it.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the Department of General Services, there are currently no state-owned buildings or facilities that have such a policy in place, formal or informal; therefore, no additional signage will be needed for any state properties.
- Any signage required as a result of the proposed legislation at a building or facility leased by the state is assumed to be the responsibility of the landlord.
- How many, if any, public universities or community colleges maintain this policy, formally or informally, is unknown. However, the specifications required per the language of this legislation would allow any such entity to implement the appropriate signage with no significant increase in expenditures to state or local government.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-120-108, a violation of this chapter commits a Class B misdemeanor.
- There will not be a sufficient number of Class B misdemeanor prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in fine revenue or expenditures.

• Any increase in expenditures to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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